

Cisco Networking Academy at Massasoit Community College Awarded Free Ethernet Switches

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Last month, the **Cisco® Networking Academy®** at Massasoit Community College was awarded six Ethernet switches, a donation which will enable the Academy® to decrease the number of students assigned to a classroom learning team.

Currently, the classrooms at Massasoit's Canton Campus are set up with both hands-on switches as well as simulation software for student training. "Even though we use Cisco simulation software Packet Tracer in our classrooms, nothing can replace hands-on training with real switches and routers," said Jean-Marie Trocher, faculty instructor at the Academy®. "The donation of these switches will make a big difference to our students."

The donation and awarding of the switches was organized by David Kotfila at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and Bernadette O'Brien, Manager of the Cisco Networking Academies in the Northeast region of the United States.

The **Cisco® Networking Academy®** at Massasoit's Canton Campus was established in 2009 and has grown steadily since its foundation and is now available to all students and professionals in Brockton, Canton, and the surrounding communities.

Founded in 1966, in the heart of southeastern Massachusetts, Massasoit Community College is a public two-year college in the Massachusetts Public Higher Education System. It is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), one of the six regional accrediting bodies in the United States. Many departments carry additional accreditations. The College offers a full spectrum of associate's degree programs in arts, sciences, and applied sciences as well as one year and short term certificates across a variety of occupations and interests. In addition the College offers corporate and job skills training courses.